



The Energy Permitting Certainty Act **Rep. Yvette Herrell**

Despite the vast energy resources in the United States, since his first day on the job President Biden's anti-energy policies have disrupted domestic oil and gas production. Gas prices have continued to rise for Americans since Joe Biden took office. In spite of rising energy costs, the Biden administration continues to slow walk necessary oil and gas permits and has issued *zero* new onshore or offshore leases. Biden's actions have stymied America's energy potential and left us vulnerable to foreign adversaries.

Relying on Russia and other adversaries to meet energy demand has had devastating consequences, as the war in Europe continues to threaten global security and economic stability. The U.S. has vast energy resources that are critically needed at home and abroad. To lower American energy prices and support our allies abroad, Congress must take immediate action to remove barriers to development of domestic oil and gas production.

There are more than 4,600 Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) currently pending at the Department of the Interior (DOI). In fact, APDs often languish at the Bureau of Land Management for an average of 140 days, despite a statutory requirement to issue permits within 30 days.

Thousands of onshore leases are tied up in lawsuits filed by radical environmental groups, and DOI is not processing the APDs associated with those leases. DOI is kowtowing to radical activist litigants, refusing to process APDs on leases for which litigation against them has been *dismissed* by the courts. This bill ensures permits cannot be delayed due to unrelated litigation.

Major provision:

- Requires the Secretary of the Interior to process APDs under a valid existing lease, regardless of any unrelated civil action.

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